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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office for more information on preparing for and receiving a Sacrament at St. Paul's Basilica.

- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the autumn
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

DONATION OPTIONS

To begin donating via Weekly Offertory Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Monthly Direct Debit, please contact the parish office.

To donate by Credit Card, visit our website or use the Tip Tap Device located near the main entrance. To receive a tax receipt please register your card after your first tap. Information is available near device.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Almsgiving: Venturing into Responsibility and Freedom

Beginning with Mary's "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel, we are propelled by the "yes" we give to God in our new lives of grace, generosity, and freedom. To live this kind of life, we must learn to discern and respond to what God desires of each of us. That isn't easy. For those of us who have lived on this earth a while, we probably know there have been times when we have not been very good at it. Hopefully, though, we also have the wisdom to recognize that God can use us here and now, whatever our path in life has been.

Our new life not only places us within the eternal reality of divine love, but also deepens the meaning of our relationships with others. Reflect on your calling as it exists right now. Toward whom do you have responsibilities? How does it feel to seek the good of another? And what about your well of grace? Do you recognize that the Lord desires you to be refreshed and fully alive?

Especially in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we are called to make a sacrifice of ourselves for others—to love our enemies, for example. In the Our Father, we ask the Lord to forgive us as we have forgiven others. Part of that forgiveness is doing our part to bring about healing.

This is one reason the Church has such a long tradition of giving alms. There are so many causes and people who need our



support. As you discern how you might share some of your material comforts with others, I would commend to you our common effort in the local Church of Toronto known as ShareLife. Through this shared commitment, we support Catholic social service agencies, St. Augustine's Seminary, and pastoral and development efforts in many countries. It is also a tangible expression of our participation in wider Canadian society. Our commitment to nurturing and supporting others speaks clearly about the meaning of our faith.

Next Sunday is traditionally called ShareLife Sunday. I remember, as a young man, going door-to-door in my home parish to solicit support for ShareLife. Since the rise of direct mail and the disruptions of COVID, we have come to think less of ShareLife as a single

moment in the Church year and more as an ongoing effort throughout the year. Either way works! There are envelopes at the entrances and in each pew, and if you are a registered envelope user, you will find them in your yearly box. It is also easy to use the QR code and donate online. If you do so, please remember to credit your donation to our parish campaign.

The title of this article brings responsibility and freedom together. Freedom is the consequence of Christ's gift to us. We have received the emerging capacity to share in the transformative power of God's divine love. Anything we do to respond positively to this new life glistens with that freedom for which we can give great thanks!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Stations of the Cross



The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.



Lenten Resources

To assist you this Lenten Season please avail yourself of the numerous Lenten resources found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website, archtoronto.org/lent. There you will find a Lenten Message from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, a variety of Online Retreats and Reflections, Lenten Activities for Families, and much more.



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm ♦ † Percy Pinto

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Health of Daniel D'Alimonte

Tuesday, March 17

5:00 pm ♦ Health of Artur Koka-Puiarski

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 pm ♦ Angelica Koka-Puiarski

Thursday, March 19

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, March 20

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Mar 1	\$ 5,227	\$ 4,404	↑\$ 823
Mar 8	\$ 4,010	\$ 2,344	↑\$ 1,666
Mar 15*		\$ 6,500	
Mar 22		\$ 2,496	
Mar 29		\$ 3,351	
Mth Totals	\$ 9,237	\$ 19,094	↓\$ 9,857

*Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **March 22**- ShareLife
 - **April 3**- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)
 - **April 5**- Easter Sunday
 - **April 12**- Preservation Fund
 - **April 19**- Youth Summer Activities
- Thank you for supporting our parish!

Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, we are pleased to offer several convenient ways to donate:



Online: Scan the QR or visit stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and select the Donate button. Ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica" is selected from the parish drop-down menu.

TipTap: Tap your card against an amount on the device at the back of the church to make a donation. For a year-end tax receipt, register your physical card by scanning the QR code beside the TipTap device.



Lenten Reconciliation Services

March 21 from 2:30 pm to 4:15 pm

March 25 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm, or by appointment

Holy Thursday / April 2

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday / April 3

The Lord's Passion - 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Tenebrae Service - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday / April 4

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday / April 5

8:30 am & 11:00 am

With a dimly lit church, a rarely seen candle holder, and somber tones, Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" or "shadows") is a unique and moving service. Adapted from medieval Roman Catholic practices dating back to the 9th century, it marks the days of Holy Week through Scripture readings, music, and the extinguishing of candles, one by one.

On **Friday, April 3, 2026, at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service sung by Alumni of the St. Michael's Choir School, set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This solemn liturgical service is open to all. A free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

Street Patrol Event

Our Young Adult Group is organizing a Street Patrol on Sunday, March 22, where parishioners are invited to join us in handing out sandwiches, snacks, clothing, and hygiene items to those in need around Toronto. For more information, please see the posters at the church entrances or speak with Micah.

Annual Mass of St. Patrick

March 17, 2026 at 10 am; St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

Help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife



God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend, March 22. Our parish goal this year is **\$55,000**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

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